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SUBJECT: VERIFICATION OF NEWS REPORT

1. CBS NEWS AND VARIOUS NEWSPAPERS HAVE CARRIED STORY THAT QUOTE SHAYKH MAS'UD AL-SHARIF HAMDAN UNQUOTE HAS BEEN NEGOTIATING THROUGH UNNAMED TEXAS LAWYER TO PURCHASE ALAMO FOR HIS SON, WHO WHILE STUDENT FLEW OVER STRUCTURE ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS AND ADMIRING IT.

2. WESTINGHOUSE CORRESPONDENT JAMES ANDERSON WHO HAS BEEN LOOKING INTO STORY, HAS BEEN UNABLE TO TRACE LAWYER AND HAS ASKED US TO VERIFY EXISTENCE OF SHAYKH AND ANY OTHER INFORMATION READILY AVAILABLE. HE BELIEVES STORY MAY BE PART OF EFFORT DISCREDIT ARABS.

3. WE HAVE NO INFORMATION ON SHAYKH MAS'UD AL-SHARIF HAMDAN OR STORY OTHER THAN THAT IN PRESS. APPRECIATE SOONEST ANY INFORMATION EMBASSY CAN PROVIDE. KISSINGER

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